Saluting Employees

Governor Abbott issues proclamation for Pretrial, Probation and Parole Supervision Week

uring July's Pretrial, Probation and Parole Supervision Week, Governor Greg Abbott joined criminal justice groups and others throughout the state to honor the dedicated service and professional commitment of Texas' pretrial, probation and parole officers who work to rehabilitate offenders, reduce recidivism and provide for public safety.

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Governor Abbott's official proclamation commended the work done by these officers, noting that they "are on the front lines of our efforts to reduce recidivism, provide peace of mind to Texans and support offenders in becoming productive and responsible members of society."

During PPPS Week, parole and probation offices throughout the state celebrated the

hard work and dedicated spirit of the more than 1,400 TDCJ parole officers who oversee more than 85,000 offenders under active parole supervision and more than 3,200 probation officers who supervise approximately 240,000 probationers.

Below are only a few examples of the appreciation luncheons and recognition ceremonies held at many TDCJ district parole offices. **\(\Lambda \)**



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In Texas, our criminal justice system extends beyond the walls of our prisons. Pretrial, probation, parole and community supervision officers supervise offenders who are serving a probation sentence or transitioning back into society from incarceration. They hold offenders accountable and, most importantly, faithfully work to preserve the safety of our communities.

These dedicated men and women have wide-ranging duties that include overseeing rehabilitation, conducting home visits and ensuring offenders comply with the terms of their release. They are on the front lines of our efforts to reduce recidivism, provide peace of mind to Texans and support offenders in becoming productive and responsible members of society.

Each year, a week in July is dedicated to recognizing the many outstanding contributions of pretrial, probation, parole and parole supervision officers and the important role they play in keeping Texas safe and secure.

At this time, I encourage all Texans to extend appreciation to these fine men and women. Their courage and commitment highlight the best of Texas.

Therefore, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim July 16–22, 2017, to be

Pretrial, Probation and Parole Supervision Officers' Week



in Texas, and urge the appropriate recognition whereof.

In official recognition whereof, I hereby affix my signature this the 11th day of July, 2017.

Governor of Texas